

invention if the claims are drawn only to one of the following combinations of categories:

(1) A product and a process specially adapted for the manufacture of said product; or

(2) *A product and a process of use of said product;*

37 C.F.R. § 1.475 (b)(1)(2) (emphasis added).

The claims of Group I identified by the Office are directed to products, i.e., the compounds and compositions of claims 1-12 and 25. The claims of Group II identified by the Office are directed to processes of use of the product, i.e., methods of treatment. Groups I and II therefore are related as products and processes for using such products, respectively. As noted, 37 C.F.R. § 1.475 (b)(2) states that a national stage application containing claims to a product and a process of use of said product will be considered to have unity of invention. Applicants therefore respectfully assert that the Groups I and II share unity of invention and the Restriction Requirement is improper.


Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents.

However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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